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SUBJECT: RW (MDW)/CW BILATERALS WITH SOVIETS--COMMUNIQUE:

1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE AGREED BETWEEN BUCHHEIM AND NAZARKIN AT 4:35 P.M., MAY 16, FOR RELEASE TO PRESS FOR USE MAY 17.

COMMUNIQUE

PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS DURING THE VISIT OF US SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO MOSCOW IN MARCH 1977, BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON SOME QUESTIONS OF ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT WERE HELD IN GENEVA FROM 9 THROUGH 13 MAY BETWEEN DELEGATIONS OF THE USA AND THE USSR.

IN THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS QUESTIONS OF THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES AND NEW SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WERE CONSIDERED. IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF THE PROHIBITION OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS WAS EXAMINED. THE SIDES DISCUSSED
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CERTAIN ASPECTS AND IDENTIFIIED AREAS OF AGREEMENT ON QUESTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION.

THE SIDES CONTINUED THE CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO A POSSIBLE JOINT INITIATIVE IN THE CCD WITH RESPECT TO THE CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DEALING WITH THE MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL MEANS OF CHEMICAL

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WARFARE AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD COMPLETE AND EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE WERE HELD ON THE BASIS OF THE SUMMIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR OF JULY 3, 1974, AND WERE A CONTINUATION OF THE US-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON LETHAL AND OTHER HIGHLY TOXIC MEANS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE-CONDUCTED IN GENEVA IN AUGUST 1976 AND IN APRIL 1977. THE DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS PROVIDED A USEFUL BASIS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING THE TEXT OF AN APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD BE A PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT INITIATIVE.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO MEEET IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE MATTERS WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION. SORENSON

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